brows, "toh, motion" match, 'cept that soon galloping away through the snowy ing half shyly at the visitor. ode litter's sold out an' left. An'lemma- see yes, that's Super, he got throwed and broke his collar bone, an' us galants has been doin' wat we could ter patch 'im up. Want, an' thon," with n wary look "thur's some new settlers counts' in lately-wantin' timber chims, next one, ma' Jumpin' 'em, too, when they git a clames. But how'd yer leave the ole folks buck in Indianny?

All well, and could lardly tear myself-sewn) from their

kinder haked yer back," remarked like. regarding him out of the corner of his the same to be charged for Rob Des

'My claim? What do you mean?" And Desirond's blue eyes dilated wide-Iv and grew almost black.

i sposed yer beered all about it fore this," said dim. "Why, yer see, the madder in ever an ridhi" like all yer claim has been kinder took. A family persessed through the snowstern down of incredulity stole over his listener's the shelf.

The you mean to tell me that same "Wot yer say, Ike, ter dispensin' with how down sneak has dared to Jump my them eights an' plessplartizin' this other while I've been back visiting my father and mother?" eried Desmond. the dash of doubt changing to one of Christmus presents for them kids an'

"Looks powerfully that way," admitted his themouter. "Seed a kivered wagen that an' smoke pourin' out o' yer chlanking a

"Who is the sneaking cur?" demanded the new thoroughly proposed man,

"Well, it won't take me long to find heavy builtale overcont with an angry

"You wondered?" eying him with con-

"You must be a feed if you think I'm snow. She was alone, the others have a long to give me my land, after all I've that the make were made comportable. denie on it. "ithert so much us a by-

"But you aught get ditter trubble." gesture of Cognet, hadding up a pair eyed little fairy with long golden hair, ents, "Mught 17" orded Desmond, with a heavy putals and then thrusting their into the helt. "We'll see about that? If the cuss isn't off my premises nable an hair I'll give him 'trouble'

out," said d'un coolly:

"Your short of

"What's the reason?"

"You wouldn't? Well, don't worry I'll not call on you for assistance," and, with a quick stride, Rob Desmond walked out of the store, got his horse from the stable where it had been kept during his absence, mounted and was

dusk of the late afternoon. When he was well beyond earshot the two conspirators went off into roars of laughter. Then they had to acquaint Miley with the occasion of their mirth. for he enjoyed a joke as well as the

"It's a good one on Rob, by gain!" eried the storekeeper, joining heartily in the laughter.

"Which calls for a box o' eigars an' elf away from thein."
"I racked hearin" bont yer claim has inder linked yer back," remarked like. "That's wotever!" affirmed like. "An"

mond's account?" "Exactly."

"Good enough," said Miley, "Five dollars is cheap a plenty for him to get off with. I 'magine I kin see him a gitpersessed through the snowstorm down

time an' takin' th' amount o' Rob's treat in the toys an' sleb tricks for puttin' in five of our own for some thin' neat fer that leetle woman?"

"The very idee! By thump! I kin remember how Nony's ark an' tin while tles an' sich de funnies us'ter stir me "Is it you-and here?" up when I wus a kid back in Jackson county at Christmus time. Yer a plumb

genus, Jim, yer air, by ginger!" Meantime Rob Desmond, his mind retorted Rob, drawing on his filled with righteons wrath against the off her guard and brought back to her "Wot! Yer aln't goin! ter go ter yer in. In his anger show and cutting weak.

winds were scarcely noticed. Unly one

door was partly open, held so by little. In an awed whisper; Bessie, who was watching the falling snow. She was alone, the others lave her? that the nules were made comfortable as well as she could with her mouth for the uight.

She was swaying back and forth humearnestly:

I don't think you'll run that settler 'em, just drop some nice Trismus pres- if their victim were there. With sur-

a man loomed up before her. She had been asking for Santa Claus, and there "Thar's seviral reasons, an' as fer was now no doubt in her mind but that ne. I wouldn't want ter tackle the Rob, in his big fur overcont covered ting on the floor at their feet,

with snowllakes, was the great personage for whom she had been calling,

"Where's your pa, little girl?" asked Desiriond, entering his own cable, "He's gone," answered Bessle, look-

"clone to heben," said the little girl very simply. "Hamph!" muttered Rob to himself. "I didn't know claim jumpers went to

Gone! Where to?"

"Is you Santa Claus?" asked Bessie

to the young man's handsome face. No. little one, I'm not Santy," said he knodly, the hard look on his face diama. envisibles under the magnetism of the

child's presence and guileless prattle. Desmond loved children. What if one of her falls had wronged him! She was horsent and as pure as the his family off to Nebraska he wouldn't dividuals today who might. If they new faller answer fils anger having allow Faith to write to me, and of chose, cause the transportation to and substitute, but one fear his pockets a course I lost track of her. But I loved crection in this country of the largest few tringer's and a power of pretty can- her just the same, and that I might pyramids or build new ones ten track by moved inter yer sharity. Yes, they be ter his claim," chuckled the old man dies which be had loaged at the stare. have, by ginger," he added as a wave as he reached for a box of cigars on had applied it with the season," he habits, taught school for a few terms as he reached for a box of cigars on had applied it with the placed in control lines and watched "Hof on a minute, Miley," said Jim. the expression of delight that illumiunted the child's face. She had hardly done tunn ag uim when the door opened and raid entered. Her eyes mer Designal's in one long, searching glance, then she turned white and leaned again to the wall. Rob let his Now, as you fellows have already had hat fail to the floor as he bestened to-

ward the regioned girl. "Faith! Faith Haskins!" he cried. "Ob. Rob. I never expected to see

you again?" she sobled, burying her face in the folds of her shawl. The sight of an old friend had thrown her unprincipled wretch who had flured sharply and keenly all her trouble and jump his claim," was nearing his cab. lonelliness, and made her strangely

"Yes, and I'll see that that sneak dominating desire possessed his nead their gets oct of my shack in a harry, to set eyes on "that rascal of a relain jumper" and order him off his domain for my don't need Miley's forthwith the sneak intermediate the found his sister in the arms of the found his sister in the arms of the arms of the strength of the found his sister in the arms of the arms of the strength of the sneak dominating desire possessed his nead hater he found his sister in the arms of the arms of the strength of the arms of the arms of the sneak dominating desire possessed his nead hater he found his sister in the arms of the "I wouldn't go if I was you," said thicket he hitched his borse and walk- pranched Bessle, whose teeth had just ed energeficially toward his calon. The

"What's got Faith? Is it hurtin' "I does not." Bessie whispered back

full. "He's awful nice, an' I dess he's The glow from the fireplace revealed, a relation to Santa Claus. See what to the owner's astonished gaze, a bright he dibbed me?" holding up her pres-

Returning from the blacksmith's ming to herself. Then she broke out shop, The and Jim left the repaired wheel by the wagon and stole quietly "Oh, Santy, turn right here an' make up to the shack. As they passed one our wagon well, an, if you can spare of the windows they looked in to see prise they beheld him sitting by Faith's She ceased suddenly as the form of side, holding both her hands in his. The firelight revealed to their astonished sight the two happy faces, while two equally happy children were sit-

The fellows, realizing that their joke

THE LOST ARTS.

had "missed fire," started to walk

selves—they distributed their gifts and

received the young lady's blushing

chrate Christmas in proper style. It

wagon, but there won't be any use for

it going to Uncle Ethan's ranch, for

Clint and Bessie will have to stay and

help us be happy. You'll go, won't you,

BAKED HAM.

stuck full of cloves and left to brown

in a slow oven. The spice imparts a

honors with the reigning fowl.

"Go? In course we will! We'll see

Desmond said:

away, but Rob, catching sight of them, went to the door and insisted on their coming in. After they had partially recovered from their embarrassmentand the genial atmosphere did much toward restoring them to their natural

thanks for all their kindness to her. men could not quarry or, having quar-Pretty good joke you tried to play ried, could not handle stones as large back near the old Tippecanoe in Inclaim and am in a pretty fair way to

It is very doubtful if a "Damasous make my living, as you know, I find blade? would stand half as severe my little school friend has not forgot- usage as a modern band saw blade or even as much as the spring of a forty ten me, and since she had the audacity to 'jump my claim' in my absence I cent clock, while the ornamentations think I may as well keep her here, of those wondrous blades, so far as the mechanical execution is conscribed, can a 'finger in the pie,' I want you to go be excelled by apprentices and amaover at the courthouse. Something's

going to take place there that will celper little is heard of late years, though one occasionally hears a wisciling from was kind of you to see to repairing the the wilds wish that he knew how to do It as well as the ancients, and while it is perhaps regrettable that he doesn't his ignorance is his own fault.

abundaned because new knowledge has made them useless, and time spent

Christmas a Lucky Birthday.

It goes without saying that his majesty the turkey will grace the Christmas dinner table, but for variety and to give a new note to this feast it is an belief that a boy born on Christmas excellent idea to follow the southern day must be brought up a lawyer or he fashion of introducing ham to share will become a thief,

The ham may be either hot or cold and should be baked to a crisp brown.

At the Saturnalia, the heathen prob At the Saturnalia, the heathen proto Few there are who understand the art type of Christmas, it was the Roman of preparing ham in this way. First custom to decorate the house with ev-it should be partly baked with the thick outside skin left on, and then woodland spirits a refuge from the

Christmas island, in the Pacific

Many Abandoned Because New Knowledge Makes Them Useless.

Not so meny years ago it was quite

commonly asserted that modern work-

Not as much as we used to, but occasionally even yet, one hears of some wonder accomplished by the ancients which cannot be done now.

on me tonight, boys," with a slap on as the monoliths of Egypt, and the their shoulders, at the same time laugh- writer has heard a public speaker of abruptly, fixing her gaze, first on the ling heartily. "But you see how it has note assert that it would be impossible buffalo overcost dotted with turned out. Only I'll have to explain, to handle with modern implements white, then raising her eyes wistfully This little woman, Paith Haskins, and such large stones as were used in the I used to go to school together away pyramids or to join them as perfectly as they are joined there. Yet, when oceasion arese, larger stones than any of "We grew up as lovers, but her the larger monoliths themselves were father thought I wasn't of much ne- transported not only to the sea, but count except to pick an old guitar or across it, and creeted in England, play the fiddle, so when he had taken. France and America, and there are inbecome more worthy gave up my idle larger and more durable. Pyramble and carned the money to give me a because they are not in line with the start here in Kansas on this timber trend of modern and other that's all.

> with us tomorrow to visit the judge teurs of today. Of the "lost art" of hardening cop-

> > Many arts and devices have been

There is an old superstition that to be born on Christmas day is to be lucky all one's life, and in Silesia there is a

this should be removed and the fat | cold.

Christmas Island.

deliciously delicate flavor and should not be taken out, but left in the land ocean, and Christmas mountain, on just as it comes from the oven. No the Amarctic continent, were so named sauce is needed with ham cooked after because discovered on the 25th of De-

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